Know your NRD

Take a look at the map of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District. Can you find the following things on the map? Place a check next to each when you find them!

- [ ] Your home town
- [ ] The Platte River
- [ ] Plattsmouth, NE
- [ ] Salt Creek
- [ ] Interstate 80
- [ ] Brainard, NE
- [ ] Hallam, NE
- [ ] Rock Creek
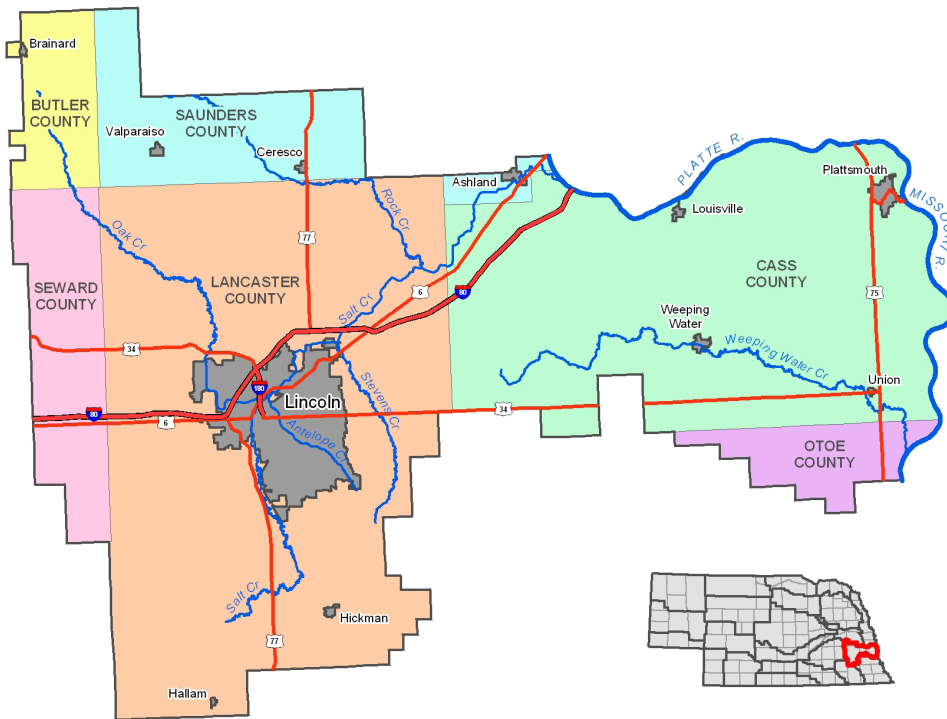
Use the words below to fill-in the missing words. Each word is used only once. For help, visit www.lpsnrd.org.

Dams   flooding   soil
farms   clean   23
watersheds

Nebraska has ___23___ Natural Resources Districts located across the state. NRD boundaries are based on ___watersheds___.

One task your NRD is responsible for is flood control. ___Dams___ help protect the land from ___flooding___ when there is too much rain.

Your NRD also helps protect ground water. Ground water is an important resource for ___farms___ and homes.

The NRD also helps land owners prevent ___soil___ erosion. By helping prevent erosion, we keep our rivers and lakes ___clean___.

Did you know...

The Lower Platte South NRD has been protecting natural resources since 1972. Your NRD provides local control and solutions to manage natural resources. We work to protect and conserve ground water, surface water and soil. And, your NRD provides flood control, recreation and environmental education.

NRD & Natural Resources

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Words to Find
Arbor Day
American elm
bark
black walnut
bur oak
cottonwood
habitat
leaves
oxygen
paper
river birch
roots
seed
shade
silver maple
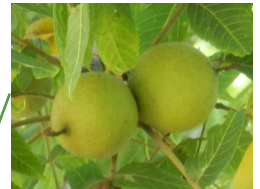sunlight
tree rings
trunk
water
wind break

Match the tree parts!

ROOTS are like straws slurping up water from the ground to help feed the tree.

BARK protects the tree like skin.

LEAVES use sunlight and carbon dioxide from the air to make food and sugar for the tree.

BRANCHES help support the leaves.

The **TRUNK** supports the tree so it doesn't blow down in the wind.

FRUIT, **nuts** or **berries** produce seeds so the tree can reproduce.